At page 10 line delete"a".

At page 18: - line 9 delete "uM" and substitute therefor "µM";
- line 32 and 33 delete "ul" and substitute therefor "µl".

At page 19: - line 3 delete "ul" and substitute therefor "µl";
- line 14 delete "ul" twice and substitute therefor "µl";
- line 15 delete "ul" and substitute therefor "µl";
- line 32 delete "uM" and substitute therefor "µM".

At page 20 line 25 delete "SEQ ID N°19" and substitute therefor " SEQ ID N°18".

At page 29 line 31 delete "ul" and substitute therefor "µl".

At page 30 line 10 delete "ul othe test compound" and substitute therefor "µl of the test compound".

At page 31 line 21 and 25 delete "SEQ ID N°25" and substitute therefor "SEQ ID N°24".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 2, 3 and 4 as follows:

Claim 2 (amended). A purified or isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1, comprising a polynucleotide having at least 90% identity with the sequence encoding :

- from amino-acid 1 to between amino-acids 1027 and 1062 of SEQ ID N°20 for $\alpha_2\delta$-2,
- from amino-acid 1 to between amino-acids 984 and 1019 of SEQ ID N°22 for $\alpha_2\delta$-3

wherein the differing nucleotides encode amino acids which are the same as the amino acids of the SEQ ID N°20 and SEQ ID N°22 through codon degeneracy or encode amino acids which are equivalent to the amino acids of SEQ ID N°20 and SEQ ID N°22 either by structural homology, by net charge or hydrophobicity similarity, such that the encoded